

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Air Connectivity between New Delhi and Ludhiana

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to resume air connectivity between New Delhi and Ludhiana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be started;
- (c) whether the Government has held talks with the private airline operators also to encourage them to provide much needed air connectivity across the country including Punjab; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

- (a): As per approved Winter 2015 schedule, no schedule flight is operating to/from Ludhiana.
- (b) to (d): Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.